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Sent: Sat 8/8/2015 1:48:49 AM
Subject: FOIA Assignment for Expedited Processing Task for Request EPA-R8-2015-009712

You have been assigned to the FOIA task - Expedited Processing Task. Additional details for this item are as follows:

- Assigned By: Dan Elliott
- Tracking Number: EPA-R8-2015-009712
- Due Date: N/A
- Sent Date: 08/07/2015
- Requester: Dan Elliott
- Request Track: Simple
- Short Description: Expedited Processing Task
- Long Description: This request concerns a matter of urgency. The information sought relates to a currently unfolding story, specifically, the release of wastewater bearing heavy metals into the Animas River. Second, delaying release of the information harms the public interest in knowing what actions were taken before the blowout at the Gold King Mine. Third, the request obviously concerns federal government activity, as the request seeks information on how the EPA planned the entry into the Gold King Mine. Finally, as the world's oldest and largest news organization, the AP is a credible requester. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited review are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. If you deny expedited processing, I expect to receive a response to the request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.